EASTER.

THE DAY AND ITS ORIGIN.

CLOSE OF THE LENTEN SEASON.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME. ad by some writers to be derived from the Easter. The churhes in the West ob-nearest Sunday to the first day ewish month of Wisan, about the evernal equinox. The Asiatic churches, day of the week that might be. A very ispute was the consequence, for some time g a rupture between both sections. The f Nice decided that Easter should be celebrated at Sunday which happens upon or next after and if the full moon happen on a Sunday, the Sunday after. By this arrangement Easter as acriy as March 22 or as late as April 25.

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OLD CUSTOMS AT HARTHE.

mittive Christians very early on the morning of sluted each other with the words, "Christ is to which the response was made:—"Christ is cot and the programment of the country of the country all Christian the recurrence of Easter has been colobrated one or monies, popular sports and superstitions he best known is the English custom of making of colored eggs, called passive or paste eggs, resolven elaborately ornamented. In some partial the legend is current that the sun dances in the aster cunday morning. The game of ball was Easter sport, in which municipal corporations engaged with due parade and dignity. Another on in the northern counties of England was parading the streets and claiming the privilege every woman three times from the ground, in payment a kins or a silver stypesce. to say, this time was always associated with the English observance of it. Procusions formed to go round and bless the different and throw great quantities of apple into the ria. Those old customs have nearly died hough they are still kept up in certain districts.

ove all other places, this festival is observed in a gorous manner. The imperishable Basilicas are clad in yest attire, and processions, masses and military and yest attire, and processions, masses and military and yest attire, and processions, masses and military and ric displays take place. The eventful mora is unhered by the thunder of cannon from the castle of St. Angelo did the constant peal of bells. The Pope is carried in the around the city, and celebrates high mass at the and altar of St. Feter's. The College of Cardinals, with a centre of St. Peter's. The College of Cardinals, with a centre of St. Peter's. The College of Cardinals, with a centre of St. Peter's. The College of Cardinals, with a centre of St. Peter's. The College of Cardinals, with a centre of St. Peter's and wondrous dome.

The vast and wondrous dome,
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The which Disna's marvel was a cell—
Huminated. The effect of ten thousand lights entiring this masterpiece of architecture and reflecting the sever remembered by those fortunate enough to these it. A flery cross, like that which cheered the case of Constantine on his march against the usurper, mags over the Eternal City, and is seen at a considerable distance from the great Basilica. In the other abledtials on the confinence of Europe, such a Cologue, [Strasburg and Notro Dame, the cepeonice are also very imposing. The realms of the tars, myriads of candles gleam over the rich canopies and glittering vestments, clouds of incense ascend above the heads of the kneeling multitude, and the music of the string, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart resounds with militation and triumph. The "Hac Dies" and "O diestrina, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart resounds with thistion and triumph. The "Hac Dies" and "O diestrina, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart resounds with the procession of the service, "IN THIS CITY".

the most extensive preparations have been made by all the churches to celebrate the great festival in a fitting manner. The Catholic churches are robed in spotless white-flowers cluster round every altar-and in the nathedral Archibishop McCioskey will administer the Tapal benediction. All the collections in the various shurches of this denomination, both at mass and vessers, will be appropriated, as usual, for the benedit of the Orphan Asylum.

Orphan Asylum.

MUSICAL SERVICES TO-DAY.

The musical services at Trinity church to-day will be of a very imposing character, the grand Hallalujah Chorus being the principal feature.

At St. Patrick's cathedral the ornamente on the high altar are very beautiful. A new mass composed by Mr. Bohmidt, the organist, will be superfor to anything ever estempted before by the excellent choir of that church. The Vest Creater by Gounce will-be given for the first time in this country.

At St. Pater's and the Star of the Sea, Breeklyn, the musical arrangements have been got up. In creditable chyte, and the Twelfth Mass of Mozart will be rendered in the formaces.

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Hely Saturday.

The concluding day of Boly Week was solemnised yeaterday in the Catholic and Episcopai churches throughout the city. In the Catholic churches the ceremonice presented by the rubrick are lengthy, yet emblematic and suppressiva. The altars, which had been divested on Manudy Thursday of their coverings and ornaments, are dressed before the beginning of the services, but the candles are not lighted until the beginning of the Mass; a gmail fire is then started immediately outside the door of the church, and the officiating clergyman, attended by the deacon, bearing a triple candelabrum, with candles of whits wax, sub-deacon, cross bearer, and a sufficient number of acolytes, bleasen the fire, rectiling appropriate grayers. This fire is to represent the rellumining of the world by the resurrection of Christ. Five grains of floomes are then biessed (it represent the apieces with which the body of Christ was embalmed) and are placed in the Faschal candle, in the form of a cross. The priest and stiendants thus enter the church, and one of the candles in the tripod is lighted, and the descon knowless in a cross the candle in the lighted, and the descon knowless and should be a condition of the care of the ceremonies has been concluded the Prophecies are treat, after which the haptsmal font he lapter of the ceremonies has been concluded the Prophecies are treat, after which the haptsmal font he form of a cross, sinks the Paschal candle into the water in the form of a cross, sinks the Paschal candle into the water with his hand, makes the sign of the cross over it three times, divides it again and throws some of the uttowards the four quarters of the world, breather twice upon the water again, and then synthese it over the congregation. Then water should be distributed among the congregation for their use at house; but in this city they generally have vessels for the water to be distr

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Rivine service, in the Swedish language, will be held solv morning, at helf-past ten o'clock, in the new gradied Letheren church, 51 Rest Twenty second street, the Rev. J. F. O. Davell officiating.

At St. Ann's Free church, Eighteenth street, near yith avenue, the holy communion will be administered at both the morning services, the first beginning at helf-past seven o'clock and the other at helf-past seven. There will be a service for deaf mutag at three F. M., and at Justi-past seven P. M. the Rev. Mr. Benjamin will preach.

At the Fligrim Begitst church. Thirty-third street, be-

The Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., will preach at halfpart ten A. M. and half-past seven P. M. at the Pitth
Avenue Opera Rouse, adjoining the Pitth Avenue Hotel,
on Twenty-fourth street.

The Rev. Tresham Dames Gregg, D. D., of St. Nicholas,
within Dublin, will solemnize divine service in Clinton
Hall this morning (Easter Sunday), with full choral
service; to commence at half-past eleven A. M.

A locture for the Jows will be delivered in the court
room corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-second
sireet, at half-past seven P. M., by the Rev. F. Ely, assistant of Calvary church.

At the Memorial church. Hammond, street, consequence.

half-past seven o'clock.

The Rev. Sidney A. Corey, D. D., will preach in the Murray Hill Baptist church, corner of Thirty-seventh street and Lexington avenue, in the morning, at half-past ten o'clock, and in the evening, at seven o'clock. The ordinance of baptism will be administered during the morning service. The Rev. Jacob Knapp, the evangel-ist, will preach in the afternoon, at three o'clock. The Right Rev. Bishop Southgate will preach this evening, at the Church of the Redemption, East Fourteenth street, opposite the Academy of Music, at half-past seven o'clock. Seate free.

AN ACADEMY PRIZE IN PRANCE.

The Academy of Sciences of France has awar
prize for statistics to M. Chenu, an army surgeon,
work on the losses sustained by the allied armies
Crimes.

count of M. von Gumpach's work on the True Figure of the Earth, and we will now mention a pamphlet be has published, entitled Our Weekly Gossip, in which we had a series of polemical papers addressed to those who have repudiated his doctrines with more or less reason or acrimony. Our author, as we stated on a former occasion, asserts that the earth is not a compressed, but a prolate ellipsoid, or, in other words, that it has not the figure of an orange, but of a lemma. Now why, according to Newton and the dominant school, has it that of an orange? First, because in measuring various area of an earth's meridian it has been found that the degree are longer towards the pole than near the equator. Secondly, because the seconds pendulum is longer at the poles than at the equator, its length being a function of the force of gravity, and increasing with it; and, thirdly, becauses in consequence of the earth's diurnal rotation, its particles at the equator are schusted by a centrifugal ferce which is zero at the poles. How mose of these seguments are theoretically consciurive; as to the first, because a predate figure is infinitely more favorable to an increase of longin in a polar degree than a compressed cas, as any one may see by merely taking the trouble of samp his compasses and describing on the same equator, first, a compressed ellipsoidal quadrant, then a circular ene, and then a prolate ellipsoidal quadrant, then a circular ene, and then a prolate ellipsoid pose, as to the second argument, because if on the one hand it may be argued that gravity increases at the poles of a prolate ellipsoid, because of the greater quantity of attractive perticles accumulated there. And, lastly, as to the third argument, it may be argued that in a rigid body like the earth the effect of the centrifugal force must be zero, and that if it were not, the earth would by this time have become as flat as a pancake by constant rotation. The origin of the idea of this action of the centrifugal force in the hard of this action of the cen

something that does not tally with observation, and we therefore strongly incline towards such innovators as M. Yon Gumpach and M. Charles Emmanuel.

ELECTRIC BELLS AS CARRIAGE SIGNALS ON RAILBOAR.

An interesting experiment has been tried at the Dilon (France) railway terminos with a system of electric being applied to a reliway train of passenger carriages. It completely succeeded. A communication between such the confluctor of the train was instantly effected by merely pressing a button attached to one of the prititions of the carriages and the compartment occupied by the head conductor of the train was instantly effected by merely pressing a button attached to one of the prititions of the carriage.

EXPLORATIONS IN PALESTINE.

Captain Wilson, chief of the first English expedition for the exploration of Palestine, has made a report to the association in London. It is dated Damascus, December 20, and is in substance as follows:—The party arrived at Beyrout at the end of November, and left it for Damascus on the 10th of December. Astronomical observations have been obtained fixing the position of Beyrout, Mejdel-Anjar, Baalbek, Furghaya, Fuk Wady Barada, Damascus, Toil Salhiyeh and Harran el-Awamid. The lakes east of Damascus are in course of exploration. Plans with detailed drawings and photographs have been made of the old taspies at Beir el Ralah (near Beyrout), the temple at Mejdel-Anjar, the old city of Chaleia, a small Greek church at Masi, the basilica of Theodosius at Baalbek (in the great quademagle abstates on the western end of the great rample, the back of the application of the Amayram Mound as Tell Salhiyeh, near Damascus, had been commenced. A plan of the great palmascus, with photographs of details, was in course of execution. In seddition to these careful photographs of a large size had been token of various objects of interest along the road between Beyrout and Damascus; some of these for the rounstances, but it is intended and hoped that it will include the following places:—Banias, Keder, T

LIBERAL SUCCESSES NEAR TEHUANTEPEC

Shipment of Arms to the Republicans by the Pacific.

Munificent Donation to the Liberal Cause by General Vera.

The French Porces Concentrating in the Valley of Mexico.

Desperate Condition of the Imperialist Carrison at Acapulco.

General Levya, a friend of General Ochoa, is also reported at the head of one thousand five hundred men in the same district. General Levya was in San Francisco but a few months since and passed through the French lines in safety.

FROM FIXALOA.

I have good newn. The liberale have been able to spare five hundred men from Gerona's army, which is besieging Mazatlan, to Governor Ogazon, who, with this small force, has giarted for Jalisco. He has to confront the forces of the bandit Lozada, the most notorious cuttivost in Mexico and the main stay of imperialism on the western coast; but I am told, however, that Ogazon has had communication with Lozada, and the remit is that he marched out the most him in full confidence that he will go over to the side of the liberals with his whole force. It is about time for Lozada to turn over again, and it is by no means improbable that he really means to give his but rivesda, the Franch, the shake; if so, the result will be disastrous to imperialism.

La Basatlica, the organ of General Riva Periodo, commander of the Army of the Centre, published at San Antenie de las Huertas, contains the particulars of the commencement of the formation of a "Forcian Lagino of Freedom," under Colonal Edward Deveaux, late of the Belgias imperialist legion, who has gone over with a number of men to the liberals.

Daniel O'Connell McCarthy, the editor of the Flag—a daily paper of very limited circulation and influence, and the only one in San Francisco which supports the fined Sevena facility and the laginature is overwheimingly republican, and almost the only opponents of the scion of the majority are the anti-war democrata. The Senate meets only once in two years, and it is proposed, if he does not divulge, to adjour, not rise die, as usual, but "subject to the call of the Freedom of the moleture received from Acupuico from General Alvares, forwarded from and dated at Providencia, in which he says:—

The Minister from Chile lately recident at the city and deserted to our side, bringing their a

Telegraphic Market Reports.

Stocks firm. Pennsylvania State fives 70; Reading Railroad 50%; Pennsylvania State fives and unchanged. Wheat firm; sails 4,000 bushels prime red at \$2 57 a \$2 40; white duff. Corn firm; sailes 5,000 bushels yellow at 710. Provisions 17m but steady. Whickey dull at \$2 20 a \$2 50.

Balturous, March 51, 1866.

Flour dull: Howard street superfine \$2 25 a \$2 50.

Wheat firm. Corn scarce; white 73c.

Oats steady. Clover seed \$d a \$f' i yellow 71c. a 72c.

\$3 75; flaxseed \$2 50 n \$2 55.

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SHIP ING NEWS.

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are supposed to have been taken off by a passing vessel. Sr Gaoness. Bermude, March I'l-The only vessels now at bees Islands under disaster, are the ship Mary Whitridge and bark Hampton, both repairing. The former will not give away for a month yet; the latter in about a fortnight. Capt. Lincoln, of brig "this," has at last made his vessel seaworthy, and will get away in a day or two.

At Hamilton the Br bark Uipsey and brigantine Charles Smith are both undergoing repairs. They are selling their cargoes of own and sugar. The sorn is perfectly good, but the sugar is somewhat damaged.

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The Court of Admirality has taken charge of the property.

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Bargurade, Africa, Fro 16.—In post back Hollmel, Perkins, Green.
Bunneras.—St Georges, March 17.—In port ship Mary Whitten, Cremey, from Anitywey for Work; In a massel, register of Managers, and Anitywey for Work; In a massel, register of Managers (Sr), Aidinase, from Lakerm for Research Indiana, Cremey, from Anitywey for Work; In a massel, register for Homopton (Sr), Aidinase, from Lakerm for Research Indiana, The Holly of the Child, Mary Anityme, Anityme, Anityme, Indiana, Inc. 1998, Anityme, A

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Macas, Jan S.—In port bark Dom Fedro H (20; Christon).

HARABAEL, Jan 18—In port brig Quick (Br), for New York, leading.

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